

JULIANA PIG

Sus scrofa domesticus · also called miniature painted pig

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Fast facts

ANIMAL GROUP	Mammal; domestic pig
DEVELOPED IN	Europe
COAT	Spotted; coarse, bristly hair
DIET	Omnivore
SIZE	Zoo guide: 10-16 in at shoulder
WEIGHT	Zoo guide: 30-65 lb; adults vary
LIFESPAN	Zoo guide: 15-20 years
STATUS	Domesticated



Photo: Plumpton Park Zoo

Did you know?

- Juliana pigs are also called miniature painted pigs.
- Pigs have very few working sweat glands.
- Mud protects skin from sunburn, flies and parasites.
- A pig uses its flat, muscular snout to root in soil.
- About half the animals at Plumpton Park Zoo are rescued.

Words to know

Omnivore: An animal that eats plants and animals.

Wallow: To roll or lie in mud or water.

Root: To dig in the soil with the snout.

Breed: Domestic animals selected for shared traits.

Think about it

1. Use evidence from the page to explain how the snout and skin help a pig survive.
2. How does a Juliana pig differ from a pot-bellied pig?
3. What does a pig use its snout for?
4. What do Juliana pigs eat?
5. Why are some pet pigs given up?

Draw it

Draw a pig rooting. Label its snout, spots, ears and hooves. Then design a digging tool inspired by its snout; explain how it solves a gardening problem.

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